

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING HEAD
WITH OVER-DAMPED HARMONIC OSCILLATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus has an information storage medium with an information storage surface, and structure operable to effect relative movement of the head and surface within a 5 first zone while maintaining the head adjacent the surface and while using the head to effect at least one of reading information from and writing information to the surface. A head cleaning section includes a cleaning part engageable with the head when the head is in a 10 second zone where the head is spaced from the surface, the structure being operable to effect relative movement of the engaged head and cleaning part in a manner which includes a component of movement that is representative of an applied force subject to a damping influence.